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all of them. There continues to be more attempts to limit sporting opportunities in the state of New York in 2000-2001. There were four separate bills aimed at banning trapping. And I understand that they're trying to ban trapping in the state of Washington. The thing is that they haven't figured out yet, does that make it illegal to trap mice? Stop and think about it. There's a lot of unintended consequences here. If we have a ban to trap in this state, what are you going to do with your house mouse? If we should learn anything from these antihunting groups, and, yes, some of those groups are also anti-agriculture, they begin with types of hunting that have few participants to gain early victories and support to their side. Once they have won some of the easier fights, they move on to more popular types of sporting activities, like deer, mountain lion, and bear hunting. Our language for this amendment is clear and it's simple in allowing reasonable restrictions which basically dictates hunting seasons and all legal forms of taking game, which are already have in place. Hunters and anglers have promoted conservation for years, and are influential in conservation management and game resources. This constitutional amendment says the right to hunt, fish, and trap shall be preserved, subject to the reasonable regulations of the state of Nebraska. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them. There's been a lot of interest in this bill, or this constitutional amendment, and I think this is a good place to start.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports they've examined and engrossed LB 128 and find the same correctly engrossed; LB 130 and LB 199. I have a series of amendments to be printed to LR 4CA by Senator Chambers, and Senator Beutler has an amendment to LB 164 to be printed. (Legislative Journal pages 643-644.)

Mr. President, a priority motion: Senator Bromm would move to adjourn until Tuesday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion before the body is to adjourn till